## Grace Lee sees self marrying the President

By Ellen Tordesillas

THE ALTAR.

That's where Grace Lee says her relationship with President Aquino is headed.

In her morning show, "Good Times in the Morning," on Wednesday, the Korean-born radio and TV personality was asked by her New York-based coanchor, Mo Twister, how long their relationship would last.

She replied, "The full length."

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# Defense: ₱100M offered per senator



WHITNEY HOUSTON: Dead at 48.

## Pop superstar Whitney Houston dies

LOS ANGELES—Whitney Houston, the multimillion-selling singer who emerged in the 1980s as one of her generation's greatest R&B voices, only to deteriorate through years of cocaine use and an abusive marriage, died on Saturday in Los Angeles.

Houston's death at Beverly Hilton Hotel at age 48 came on the eve of music's biggest night—the Grammy Awards. It's a showcase where she once reigned, and where she will be remembered on Sunday in a tribute by Oscar-winner Jennifer Hudson, organizers said.

She died at the same hotel where her mentor, record mogul Clive Davis, was holding an annual pre-event party at which she was scheduled to perform.

A dramatic scene unfolded at the Hilton as music celebrities arriving for the party expressed shock at her death.

POP SUPERSTAR A22

## She sang last song in small nightclub

By Ruben V. Nepales
*Los Angeles Correspondent*

LOS ANGELES—When Whitney Houston hopped onto the stage of a Hollywood nightclub on Thursday to sing a duet about how Jesus Christ "loves me," she probably didn't realize it might be the last time she would sing in public.

That thought ran through the mind

SHE SANG A22

**Shock, wave of tributes pour out for pop legend** / A23

## Abad says rap part of web of lies

By Christian V. Esguerra

ON THE EVE of a crucial Senate vote, lawyers of Chief Justice Renato Corona last night revealed what they called efforts by Malacañang to pressure some senator-judges into defying a Supreme Court order restraining the impeachment court from looking into his dollar account.

In a hastily arranged press conference, nine members of the defense team condemned the Palace for allegedly undermining the impeachment process and the Constitution for purportedly trying to win senators over.

"Yesterday, we received very

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CRY FOR HELP A resident of Barangay Basak in Guihulngan City cries out for food and drinking water after an earthquake damaged the community's water source of water. (See story in Across the Nation, Page A18.)

## Corona blasts senator-judges

By Christian V. Esguerra

SAYING he had "nothing to gain but everything to lose," Chief Justice Renato Corona slammed senators allegedly attempting to turn his impeachment trial in the Senate into an "inquisition" alongside a Palace campaign to "demonize" him.

Corona came out swinging

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## High Court battles for independence

By Amando Doronila

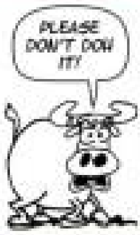
ANALYSIS

PRESIDENT AQUINO furiously fanned the flames of conflict between the Chief Executive and the Supreme Court when he denounced the high tribunal for issuing a temporary restraining order (TRO) on Friday, barring prosecutors in the impeachment trial of Chief Justice Renato Corona from inspecting his dollar accounts in Philippine Savings Bank (PSBank).

In a blatant interference in the trial, the President unleashed the attack at a time when the Senate impeachment court was in the midst of examining voluminous evidence against Corona who has been accused of betrayal of public trust and graft and corruption. The attack was tendentious and touched on the merits of the evidence which is now within the jurisdiction of the tribunal to adjudicate. It was also inflammatory amid rising public tensions over the trial that has run for more than three weeks.

In a double-barreled attack on the court, the Palace barrage was quickly followed by broadsides from presidential spokesperson Edwin Lacierda.

HIGH A11




## *Bishop warns DOH on Feb. 14 condoms*

By Jocelyn R. Uy

NO DISTRIBUTION of condoms on Valentine's Day, please.

A Catholic bishop has appealed to the Department of Health (DOH) to refrain from handing out to couples free condoms and other forms of artificial contraceptives on Feb. 14 like what it did last year.

"The Church is against the distribution

BISHOP A22



MASS EXERCISE Braving the rain, some 87,798 students join a 30-minute aerobic exercise on the 1.8-kilometer runway of the old airport in Bacolod City in a bid for a world record. (See story in Across the Nation, Page A18.)

## Investors jittery over mining EO

By Riza T. Olchondra

THE COUNTRY risks missing out anew on the benefits of the multibillion-dollar mining industry if the government goes ahead and implements new policies seen to favor the anti-mining lobby, foreign business groups said.

The Joint Foreign Chambers (JFC), along with the Philippine Mining and Exploration Association Inc. (PMEA), has expressed "grave" concern over the proposed mining reforms, appealing to the Aquino administration to consider industry inputs and to address the root causes of project delays, among other issues.

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# Minority mulls impeaching P-Noy too

By Gil C. Cabacungan

THE HOUSE minority bloc will decide this week whether or not to pursue an impeachment complaint against President Aquino whom they accused of approving the sale of a government property in Baguio City for just a quarter of its market value of P1.9 billion.

Minority Leader Danilo Suarez said that the opposition would have to decide whether or not the case could be grounds for impeachment to avoid the trouble being encountered due to the hastily prepared complaint against impeached Chief Justice Renato Corona.

Suarez said it was important to show to the public that the minority was not out to embarrass the President with a petty case because "we will need public support to get the one-third vote of Congress to have him impeached."

While the minority has fewer than 30 members, he expressed confidence that he could gather at least 95 votes as long as the case against Mr. Aquino was compelling enough and the public was made aware of its gravity.

"We should not engage in a tit-for-tat with the administration. We consider impeachment a very serious thing that has to be backed up by solid evidence and it should not be taken lightly," said Suarez.

He cited the impeachment case against Corona which has encountered rough sailing in the Senate impeachment court because, he said, it was ill-conceived and ill-prepared.

"For all the government and private resources thrown at CJ Corona, including help from some senator-judges, themselves in coming out with evidence, it is noteworthy that he is still fighting back against his critics because he believes that what he is fighting for is right. A lesser man would have given up a long time ago," said Suarez.

Unlike the House prosecution team which he said used the impeachment trial itself to gather evidence against Corona, the House minority would like to come up with evidence of the President's transgressions before filing a case, Suarez said.

He said he met three weeks ago with Danilo Lihaylihay, president of Philippine Association of Reward Informers Inc., who accused President Aquino of selling the 2.4-hectare Camp John Hay property on Session Road in Baguio City for only P500 million to SM Investments when its value was pegged at P1.9 billion.

Lihaylihay also accused Mr. Aquino, along with Executive Secretary Paquito Ochoa Jr. and Environment Secretary Ramon Paje, of tax evasion for failing to remit the taxes on the sale.

Lihaylihay claimed that Mr. Aquino could not sell the state property without a law or legislative approval.

However, a lawmaker, who refused to be named because he was not authorized to speak on the issue, said the case was a dud because Mr. Aquino had no direct hand in approving the sale of the Baguio property.

He pointed out that the property was auctioned off as far back as 20 years ago and that it was fully paid for in 1997.

## More OFWs flee Syria as violence rises

THE GOVERNMENT is set to evacuate 164 overseas Filipino workers (OFWs) from Homs and three other protest hubs in Syria where the "violence has become very alarming," according to the Department of Foreign Affairs.

Raul Hernandez, the DFA spokesperson, yesterday said they had received "a total of 376 repatriation applicants from the four conflict areas and 222 of these were from Homs," a city in central Syria.

"We have already repatriated 134 OFWs, leaving 164 others awaiting evacuation from the Syrian crisis," Hernandez said.

He said the Philippine Embassy in Damascus was "working on the instruction of Foreign Secretary Albert del Rosario to fully and effectively implement crisis alert level 4 (mandatory or forced repatriation) due to the security situation in Syria."

Del Rosario, meanwhile, said the DFA was ready to activate its "rapid response team" to help distressed OFWs in the Middle East country.

"Based on new developments in Homs, we may need to go one step further and resort to a strategy of extraction," Del Rosario told the Inquirer.

He said the rapid response team would be "made up of personnel from the Philippine National Police, Department of Labor and Employment and the DFA." *Jerry E. Esplanada*



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# Deadline looms on impeach complaint vs another justice

# Lifting of HK's black travel advisory vs PH seen

By Jocelyn R. Uy

AFTER more than a year of talks with Hong Kong officials and travel executives, Philippine tourism officials are optimistic that a black travel advisory against the country would soon be eased or lifted.

"We are seeing the finish line," Tourism Assistant Secretary Benito Bengzon Jr. told reporters on the sidelines of a local travel industry conference in Makati City on Wednesday.

The black travel advisory was issued by China's Special Administrative Region after a bungled bus hostage rescue in August 2010 that resulted in the deaths of eight Hong Kong tourists.

The Department of Tourism (DOT) has been meeting with the Travel Industry Council of Hong Kong (TICHK), hoping to convince it that tourists are safe in the Philippines.

The TICHK is an influential umbrella organization of travel companies in Hong Kong, the counterpart of the Philippine Tourism Authority and the Philippine Tour Operators Association Inc.

Bengzon said the DOT was optimistic the discussions with the council would bring about "positive results," adding that they had received information that Hong Kong's Chief Executive Donald Tsang was looking at either lifting or downgrading the black travel advisory.

"[Tsang] is stepping down this year, but according to the information we got, he's looking at downgrading or lifting the travel ban before he steps down," Bengzon said.

The DOT, under its new chief, Tourism Secretary Ramon Jimenez Jr., has been working since late last year to bring back Hong Kong's confidence in Philippine tourism.

A delegation from the DOT flew to Hong Kong in October and presented new tourism products to travel agency leaders in the Special Administrative Region.

The following month, the DOT invited leaders of selected travel agencies in Hong Kong on a familiarization tour of the Philippines.

Bengzon said he would be part of a Philippine tourism delegation flying to Hong Kong on Feb. 15 to continue the discussions.

Hong Kong residents reacted strongly to the deaths of eight Hong Kong tourists on Aug. 23, 2010, after a disgruntled Manila police officer, Rolando Mendoza, held a busload of tourists hostage for 10 hours at Rizal Park in a desperate bid to get his job back, which he had lost over allegations of corruption.

The hostage taker was eventually killed by a police sniper but many who had watched the incident live on television felt police bungling of negotiations and rescue operations had led to the deaths. Seven other tourists were wounded.

Hong Kong residents also voiced disappointment over the Philippine government's failure to take stronger punitive measures against those in charge of the botched rescue, including Manila Mayor Alfredo Lim.

Families of the victims who came to Manila last year to mark the first anniversary of the incident criticized President Aquino for his refusal to meet with them or issue an apology.



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# Grace Lee sees self marrying the President

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Masked further on where she expected their dates would lead to, Lee answered, "The altar." She added, "I'm praying for this."

Mr. Aquino celebrated his birthday on Wednesday, Feb. 8, the same day Lee said they were destined for the altar.

Malacañang was mum on Lee's latest statements. "We do not comment on the President's private life," deputy presidential spokesperson Abigail Valte said yesterday.

**Skepticism**

The romance between the 29-year-old Lee and the 52-year-old Mr. Aquino had been met with skepticism by many who have become used to the President's short-lived romances.

Among those linked to him in his almost two-year presidency were Valenzuela Councilor Shalani Soledad, who recently married Pasig City Rep. Roman Romulo, stylist Liz Uy and stockbroker Len Lopez.

During the program, Mo Twister predicted the relationship to last until August.

He then posed the phrase lines to the question, "How long will this (Aquino-Lee) relationship last?" One listener replied, "May."

**Media interviews**

The bachelor President admitted two weeks ago that he had been dating Lee.

While Mr. Aquino asked media to grant him the privacy that, he said, he was entitled to, Lee was forthcoming in media interviews. She disclosed that she and the President would talk constantly for three to five hours.

"He's brilliant. He is the most intelligent man I've met in my life," an obviously smitten Lee confessed, even describing the President as "a walking encyclopedia."

Lee revealed in an off-camera talk with a TV host that the President had offered to provide her security, courtesy of a team from the Presidential Security Group (PSG). This prompted presidential deputy spokesperson Abigail Valte to say that the Palace would still have to review whether the PSG mandate could cover such persons outside the President's official family.



DJ GRACE LEE with President Aquino

Lee's talent manager, Arnold Vegafria, said the radio and TV jockey first met the President on June 27, 2011, at the inauguration of a plant of Korea Electric Power Corp. in Barangay Colon in Naga, Cebu. Vegafria said the President was heard to have remarked that Lee was pogay (pretty), reminding her to be a Cebuana.

Their second meeting took place during the state visit of Korean President Lee Myung-bak in November, where Lee was in Malacañang as an interpreter and host of the event.

**Palace interview**

Before the end of 2011, Vegafria said the President granted Lee an interview in Malacañang for her radio show "And that's it," he said.

In an earlier exclusive interview with TV5's Cristy Fermin, for the show "Juicy," Lee admitted that the 23-year age difference between them sometimes bothered her. "But the more I get to know him, the less I feel the age difference," she said.

Asked by Cesar Montano if she saw the relationship "going through already," Lee replied, "I don't think we're playing around. We're both not at the age to be playing around."

In her radio show, Lee said she would try to convince the President to stop smoking.

She has met with two of the President's elder sisters, Ballsy Cruz and Pinky Abellada, but has yet to meet his movie and TV star sister, Kris Aquino.

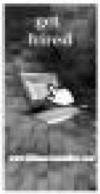
Lee denied earlier rumors linking her romantically to Kris' former husband, basketball star James Yap. *With a report from Christine O. Avendaño*

*Editor's Note: "EDSA Files" is put out by veteran journalists taking a deeper look at current events. "Siya" is out for now.*

# Defense: ₱100M offered per senator

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# SC denies Ecleo plea, affirms jail sentence







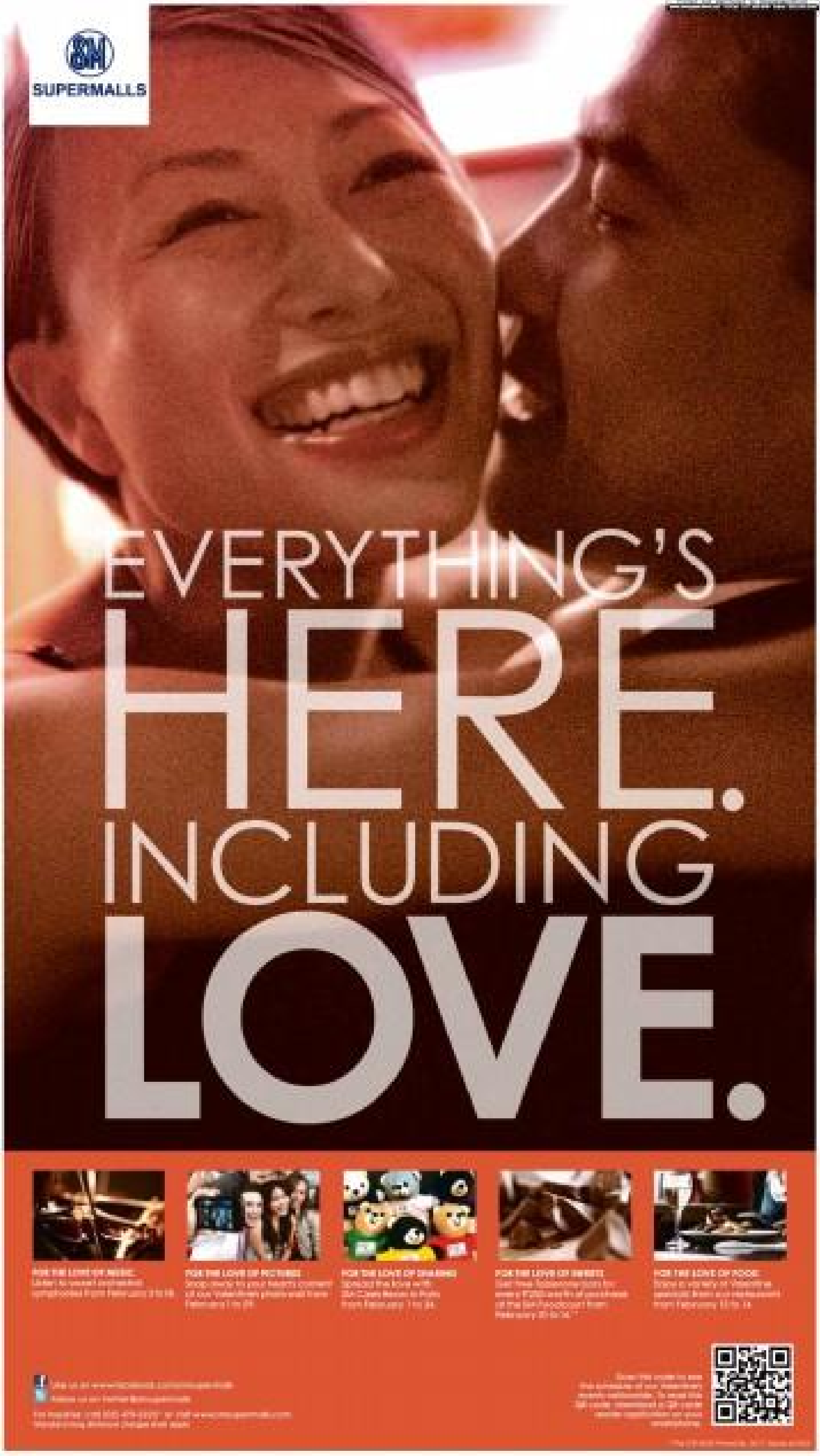












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# Regional terror suspect Umar Patek's trial starts

JAKARTA—A key Muslim terror suspect arrested in the same Pakistani town where US commandos later killed Osama bin Laden goes on trial in Indonesia today on multiple charges, including for the 2002 Bali bombings.

Umar Patek, 45, faces six counts, including for premeditated murder, bomb-making and illegal firearms possession.

"Umar Patek is a dangerous figure wanted not only in Indonesia but also in other countries such as the Philippines. He has caused the deaths of many," prosecutor Bambang Suharyadi told Agence France-Presse.

"The prosecutors will recommend the stiffest sentence for him," he said. "The charges against him all carry the death penalty."

Patek, believed to be a key member of the al-Qaida-linked Southeast Asian terror network Jemaah Islamiyah (JI), had a $1 million bounty on his head.

He was extradited to Indonesia after being arrested in January 2011 in the Pakistani town of Abbottabad, where US commandos killed al-Qaida's leader Osama bin Laden.

Counterterrorism officials would not confirm whether Patek had met with bin Laden, but analysts said it was no coincidence the two were in the same place.

The indictment said Patek fled to the southern Philippines after the Bali bombings, joined the rebel Moro Islamic Liberation Front and planned to move to Afghanistan to help insurgents fighting US troops there.

He and his Filipino wife Rugayyah Husein Luceno returned to Indonesia in June 2009 and for a year hid in east Jakarta and elsewhere, before heading to the Pakistani city of Lahore using fake identities, it said.

Luceno was sentenced to 27 months in prison last month for falsifying her identity. AFP

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# OPINION

## Not man enough

**EDITORIAL**

FUGITIVE RETIRED Maj. Gen. Jovito Palparan was adding insult to injury when he made his lawyer, Jesus Santos, write the National Bureau of Investigation to say that University of the Philippines students Sherlyn Cadapan and Karen Empeño were still alive. The students have been missing since 2006 and Palparan, who has gone into hiding rather than face the kidnapping case filed against him by the Department of Justice, is trifling with the emotions of the grieving parents who have been looking for them. The parents, through their lawyer Edre Olalia, have dared Palparan to face them. He should be man enough to accept the challenge.

Obviously, Palparan is indulging in one of the psywar tactics typical of total-war strategy. His ruse should reveal his cold-bloodedness as well as his contempt for the law. Olalia said Palparan should "stop putting [his own] lawyers on the spot… [by making them] trifle with the emotions of suffering mothers [when they issue] recklessly bare claims that their young and abused daughters are still alive." If the victims are still alive, then Palparan will have no cause for running from the law; he has nothing to be afraid of. But he's gone into hiding exactly because he had broken the law. In a rare rejoinder to him, he has said through his lawyer that he would "try [his] best not to surrender since the filing of the cases against [him] was done illegally." In reply, Olalia has taunted him: "Come out of your putrid sewage hole and see the light. Join your idol Ma. Former President GMA (Pampanga Rep. Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo) in jail. Stop putting your attorneys on the spot [to] take the fall for you."

Since going into hiding, Palparan has portrayed himself the victim of a miscarriage of justice. Some flag officers have even sided with him and said he should be considered innocent until proven guilty. But that's exactly what the filing of the charges against him is supposed to achieve—to give him his day in court, so that he can confront his accusers, and vigorously defend himself. But Palparan has a history of scorning the law. As commander of the Army's 7th Infantry Division in 2005, he said he would prosecute the war against the insurgents without consideration for human rights. "This is the essence of the coercive power of the state," he declared. "Under this, we have the authority to neutralize the bad elements of society." The following year, he told Agence France Presse that the public should accept the fact there would be "collateral damage."

His fellow officers have vouched for Palparan's professionalism as a soldier. But in active service or in retirement, he has shown contempt for the law he has vowed to defend and uphold as an officer and a gentleman. In 2009, he seized a seaport involved in a land dispute in Masinloc, Zambales, using soldiers and police without authorization from their commanders. Zambales Gov. Amor Deloso said that "a breakdown in the police and military chain of command" allowed Palparan to take over the port owned by Consolidated Mining Inc. It turned out that State Investment Trust Inc., which employed the 24-Hours Security Corp. where Palparan worked as a consultant, was claiming a portion of the 20-hectare port. Even earlier, Ore Asia Mining and Development Corp. filed charges of robbery, grave coercion and serious illegal detention against Palparan and 16 others after they allegedly took over the firm's mine site in Doña Remedios Trinidad, Bulacan. In reacting to the charges, Palparan again betrayed his derisive regard for the law and professional comportment in the name of friendship and personal interest. "We only secured the area," he said. "I only helped my friend, lawyer Roy Villareal, who has a claim on the site."

Palparan is evincing the same disparagement of the law when he claims he's a victim of injustice and that the daughters of his accusers are still alive. He should stop playing games with the law and the emotions of the parents of the missing students. As the least, the code of soldiering demands that he should face the music and come clean on the charges against him. But considering his underhanded ways, it's certain he will do the bidding of the grieving mothers. To be sure, he's not man enough to face them.






## CJ Corona being tried by the sovereign people

**As I See It**

*Neal H. Cruz*

"IF THE recorded income can't support the expenditure, then there's presumption of ill-gotten wealth."—Supreme Court decision, 2005

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## Truth and consequence

**There's the Rub**

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# Who has superior power?

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By Carla P. Gomez
Inquirer Visayas

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TINAGBA
A loaded float depicts what people can expect from Iriga City at the Tinagba Festival.

## La Libertad residents struggle to return to normal

By Nestor P Burgos Jr.
Inquirer Visayas

### Faith

### Repairs

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GUIHULNGAN CITY, Negros Oriental—The parish priest of a Negros Oriental town ravaged by earthquake and landslides has deplored politicking in the distribution of assistance to victims.

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- The industry continues to implement environment projects, including ecological solid waste management, tailings dam maintenance and stability, erosion control, forest protection and reforestation. Large-scale mining will contribute 25 million seedlings from 2011 to 2012 to the National Greening Program on top of the 10.4 million trees the industry planted over 11,400 hectares as of 2010.

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# Peace talks between gov't, MILF resume today in KL

# Pop superstar Whitney Houston dies

# She sang last song in small nightclub



THREE-TIME Grammy nominee Kelly Price with Filipino fashion designer Oliver Tolentino.

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# Kings, Aces turn back foes

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# Case filed vs ex-solon's son-in-law

## Victim's son claims Daza had summoned former lover to her house

By Nancy C. Carvajal

"HE DID what he had to do to protect me, my child and my mother."

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JESSICA Castelo (right), daughter of former Quezon City Rep. Nanette Castelo Daza, prepares for a press conference to explain the circumstances behind her husband's shooting of her mother's former lover on Friday night.

# Metro residents pick 'dry' over wet market

By Kristine L. Alave

ARE WET MARKETS on the way out?

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# Catholic bishops reject Obama proposal

NEW YORK—The nation's Roman Catholic bishops have rejected a compromise on birth control coverage that President Barack Obama offered on Friday and said they would continue to fight the president's plan to find a way for employees of Catholic hospitals, universities and service agencies to receive free contraceptive coverage in their health insurance plans, without direct involvement or financing from the institutions.

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops (USCCB)—which has led the opposition to the plan—said in a statement late Friday that the solution offered by the White House to quell a political firestorm was "unacceptable and must be corrected" because it still infringed on the religious liberty and conscience of Catholics.

The bishops' decision to rebuff the compromise means that "religious freedom" will continue to be a rallying cry for some Catholics who have heard it preached from the pulpit for the last three weeks, for evangelical Christians on the religious right, for Republican candidates on the campaign trail and for members of Congress who are supporting a legislative fix on Capitol Hill.

Word that the issue was unsettled began to trickle down to parishioners on Saturday, with some saying that if the compromise did not assuage the bishops, it did not assuage them either.

"It really doesn't have that much to do with [illegible] brands their own conscience," said Jackie Rivera, a 24-year-old graphic designer from Miami.

Administration officials said the White House had never expected to get the bishops' support, given their absolute opposition to contraception, and was surprised when the initial statement of the bishops conference on Friday was noncommittal and went so far as to call the president's modification a step in the right direction.

Obama said that the compromise would take the Catholic institutions out of the equation by relieving them from either paying for coverage for contraceptives or providing any referral to their employees for the coverage. Instead, insurance companies would be required to pay for the contraceptives and to arrange it. The insurers will agree, the White House said, because it is more expensive for them to pay for pregnancies than to pay for contraceptives.

Houses of worship that object to birth control coverage are already exempted. The compromise applies to primarily Catholic institutions that employ and serve large numbers of non-Catholics.

The bishops said the plan offered insufficient protection for their institutions. "In the case where the employer and insurer agree to add the objectionable coverage, that coverage is still provided as a part of the objecting employer's plan, financed in the same way as the rest of the coverage offered by the objecting employer. This, too, raises serious moral concerns." The Obama administration plans to hold a series of meetings in the coming days and will invite the bishops and other religious leaders to collaborate on developing the new policy, said an administration official who was not authorized to speak publicly on the matter.

"I guess we'll try to treat that constructively," said Richard M. Doerflinger, associate director of public activities at USCCB. "But within the ministries we also have to explore other avenues, and there are two other branches of government that may give our concerns more sensitivity."

Already three lawsuits have been filed against the birth control mandate, two by Catholic colleges and one by a Catholic media outlet.

The bishops will also renew their call for lawmakers to pass the Respect for Rights of Conscience Act, which would exempt both insurance providers and purchasers—and not just those who are religiously affiliated—from any mandate to cover items of services that is contrary to either's "religious beliefs or moral convictions."

The Senate version of the bill was introduced by Senators Roy Blunt of Missouri, Marco Rubio of Florida, and Kelly Ayotte of New Hampshire, all Republicans. It has 36 Republican sponsors and cosponsors, and a Democratic one—Ben Nelson of Nebraska. *New York Times News Service*




# Gunmen kill general close to Syria gov't

BEIRUT—Three gunmen ambushed a military general on a residential street in Damascus on Saturday, the Syrian government reported, in an assassination of a government stalwart that was the first of its kind in the Syrian capital and another step away from the nonviolent roots of the antigovernment protests.

The general, Dr. Issa al-Khouli, a middle-aged physician and brigadier general who ran the Hamish military hospital, was shot dead as he stepped from his house in the morning, the state-run Syrian Arab News Agency reported. Acquaintances of al-Khouli's reached by telephone confirmed his death, though not the details.

The doctor, trained in Romania and France, came from an Alawite family with close ties inside the Assad government that has run Syria for the past 40 years, according to one activist in Syria who was piecing together his biography.

He is believed to have been the nephew of Mohamed al-Khouli, the former head of the widely feared Air Force Intelligence Directorate, the most powerful of the multiple security agencies that cement the government's power. The elder al-Khouli was a security adviser to President Hafez Assad until the president died in 2000.

The Assad clan is also from the Alawite sect, an offshoot of Shiite Islam that as a minority has dominated the Sunni majority since Assad first seized power in a 1970 coup.

The state-run news agency said the assassination came amid the "framework of targeting the Syrian intellectuals and the medical and technical cadres." Al-Khouli lived in a residential neighborhood at the foot of Kassioun Mountain, which forms the backdrop of northern Damascus, not far from the city center. His house was reportedly less than a mile from the Hamish hospital, where he was a specialist in physical therapy and prosthetic devices, the activist said.

Syria has experienced such killings in the 1970s and 1980s during the violent skirmishing between the government and the Muslim Brotherhood, which was crushed.

Assassinations of the government's supporters and opponents have previously taken place in embattled cities like Homs and Hama, but Damascus had been relatively quiet until recent weeks, when reports of skirmishing in some neighborhoods began to surface. The state-run news agency also reported that 21 members of various security services were buried on Saturday. *New York Times News Service*

# New snowstorm in Europe disrupts air, train travel

REGIONS across Europe sustained another deluge of extreme weather, prompting a deadly avalanche in Kosovo, snarling air and train travel, and blanketing Rome with a rare dusting of snow for the second time in a week.

In the village of Restelica in Kosovo, an avalanche killed a married couple and their 17-year-old son and left nine others missing, the Associated Press (AP) reported.

Snowfall piled to nearly 2 feet in Montenegro's capital city of Podgorica—the most in the city since 1949, the AP said.

Media reports also cited widespread cancellations at Rome's Fiumicino airport, and the Colosseum was forced to close, as it did during last weekend's storm. Buildings in several parts of Italy were evacuated amid fears of the structural damage the settled snow might cause, Reuters reported.

The successive snowstorm—considered to be the worst onslaught the country has seen since the 1980s—have also wrought havoc on the country's agriculture. Farm lobbies told the AP that about 150,000 tons of fruit, vegetables and meat products had been left to rot, prevented from reaching markets amid the persistent storms and cold. In the town of Castelvecchio, the report said, a funeral was canceled as snow blocked the arrival of a coffin at the church.

Last weekend, Ukrainian officials said at least 131 people had died during a lengthy cold snap, as temperatures dropped well below freezing. There were also reports of weather-related deaths in Poland, Italy, France, Hungary and Lithuania.

In Rome, residents complained last weekend of an inadequate response to the storm. Some regions were left without power well after the snow had passed, and gridlock on some of Rome's main streets—many unplowed and unsalted—prolonged angry calls for the resignation of the city's mayor.

Looking out on the snow last weekend at the Vatican, Pope Benedict XVI appeared at his window in a [illegible] white overcoat for his weekly address to pilgrims in St. Peter's Square. "The snow is beautiful," he said, "but let's hope that spring comes soon." *New York Times News Service*

# Staff at Murdoch tabloid arrested in bribe inquiry

## Romney presidential bid gets boost with Maine win

## Malaysia deports Saudi accused of prophet insult

## WORLDBRIEFS

### Ex-Maldives leader rejects US compromise call

### Teenage Tibetan nun sets herself on fire in China

### Japan's Fukushima reactor may be reheating

# AN OPEN LETTER TO PRESIDENT NOYNOY

**A PLEA FOR HELP**
**8 February 2012**

## HIS EXCELLENCY BENIGNO SIMEON C. AQUINO III
### PRESIDENT

REPUBLIC OF THE PHILIPPINES
MALACANAN, MANILA

DEAR PRESIDENT NOYNOY,

WE ARE ORDINARY PEOPLE WHO WORK HARD FOR OUR DAILY NEEDS. WHATEVER WE SAVED, WE DEPOSITED WITH BANCO FILIPINO FOR OUR FUTURE.

WHILE YOU CALL US YOUR BOSSES, OUR VOICES ARE OFTEN NOT HEARD, NOR OUR NEEDS ATTENDED TO, ESPECIALLY BY THE HIGH OFFICIALS OF THE BANKO SENTRAL NG PILIPINAS (BSP) WHO PRETEND TO BE DEAF AND DUMB , WHO REFUSED TO TREAD YOUR "DAANG MATUWID."

ALMOST A YEAR AGO, ON MARCH 17, 2011, THE BSP AND THE PHILIPPINE DEPOSIT INSURANCE CORPORATION, LIKE A THIEF IN THE NIGHT, ARBITRARILY CLOSED BANCO FILIPINO AND STOLE OUR DREAMS FOR A BETTER LIFE.

WE WERE SUMMARILY DEPRIVED OF LIFE, LIBERTY AND PROPERTY WITHOUT DUE PROCESS OF LAW, IN DEFIANCE OF PRESIDENT CORY'S 1987 CONSTITUTION.

BSP IS MANDATED BY LAW TO EXERCISE CONTROL AND SUPERVISION OF BANKS IN THE PHILIPPINES TO ENSURE FISCAL STABILITY. WHEN A BANK IS CLOSED, THE BSP SHOULD BE ACCOUNTABLE TO THE DEPOSITORS FOR ITS NEGLIGENCE, FOR ITS FAILURE TO BE AN EFFECTIVE STEWARD.

WHEN BSP CLOSES A BANK, IT IS NOT THE BANK THAT IS PUNISHED. IT IS THE INNOCENT DEPOSITORS WHO TRUSTED IN THE EFFICIENCY OF THE BSP TO CONTROL AND SUPERVISE. IN ONE SWIFT UNFEELING ACT, OUR LIFE'S SAVINGS WENT DOWN THE DRAIN.

THE BSP SHOULD NOT BE ALLOWED TO ESCAPE LIABILITY .

THE COURT OF APPEALS IN GRANTING THE PETITION FOR CERTIORARI AND MANDAMUS RULED ON JANUARY 27, 2012 THAT BSP'S CLOSURE OF BANCO FILIPINO WAS ILLEGAL AND THAT THE BANK WAS NOT INSOLVENT.

THE COURT SAID:

"AS PROVEN IN THIS CASE, HASTE MAKES WASTE. HAD RESPONDENTS BSP AND MB EXERCISED DUE DILIGENCE, DEPOSITORS AND CREDITORS WOULD HAVE BEEN SPARED FROM THE AGONIES AND THE NIGHTMARES THIS CASE HAD CAUSED. THEY WOULD NOT HAVE EXPERIENCED SLEEPLESS NIGHTS AND SERIOUS ANXIETIES."

MR. PRESIDENT, DO NOT PROLONG OUR AGONY, OUR SLEEPNESS NIGHTS AND SERIOUS ANXIETIES.

END OUR MISERY. BRING LIGHT TO OUR LIVES. INSTRUCT THE NEW SOLICITOR GENERAL, BSP AND PDIC TO ACCEPT THE COURT DECISION, AND NOT TO FILE A MOTION FOR RECONSIDERATION OR TO APPEAL.

IMPLEMENT THE BSP MB-APPROVED REHABILITATION PLAN. THE P25 BILLION IS NOT A GRANT BUT A SECURED LOAN.

RE-OPEN BANCO FILIPINO NOW. END THE BSP CHARADE, THE DECEPTION. THIS IS THE SECOND TIME LIGHTNING HAS STRUCK US. DIRECT THE BSP TO FOLLOW THE PATH OF JUSTICE, OF FAIRNESS OF RESPECT FOR THE RIGHTS OF YOUR BOSSES. THE ONLY PATH TO FOLLOW IS YOUR "DAANG MATUWID."

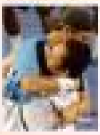
MR. PRESIDENT, ALL OUR HOPES, ALL OUR DREAMS AND ALL OUR FUTURE WE ENTRUST TO YOU.

HELP US! SAVE US!

VERY SINCERELY,
**VISMIN BANCO FILIPINO DEPOSITORS ASSOCIATION, INC.**
**MANILA AND LUZON DEPOSITORS**

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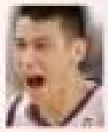


WHAT'S INSIDE

■ Jeson, Arcilla cap sweep by PH cuppers /A33

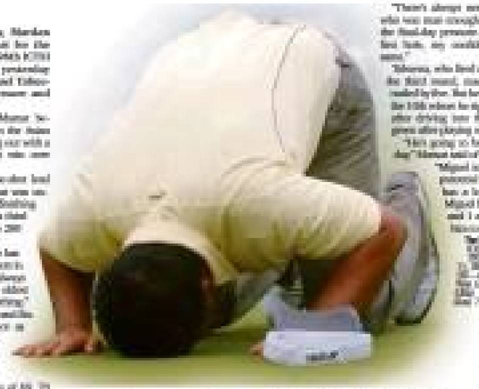
# SPORTS

■ Lin free throw dooms T'wolves /A34



# Runaway triumph for Mamat

## Singapore veteran wins ICTSI PH Open by 5; Tabuena flounders






Best Filipino finisher

# From awesome to gruesome: 'Not Tabuena's time to shine'

By Musong R. Castillo



# Man-of-hour Mamat wins it for wife Naz

By Musong R. Castillo

# Patriots turn back Slingers

## Keep ABL lead with fifth win

By Jasmine W. Payo



# 96 teams vying in 15th Nestea Beach Volley nat'l tilt

# La Salle volleybelles sweep UAAP elims

By Jasmine W. Payo



## 'Sagupaan' kicks off at Pasay cockpit today

# Dragon boat in a quandary?

CLEAN LIVING



*Manolo R. Iñigo*

# Jeson, Arcilla cap sweep by PH cuppers



## Make sports an alternative on Valentines

ONE GAME AT A TIME



*Sev Sarmenta*

## US conquers Federer-led Swiss squad

# Uzbeks too much for toothless Azkals

## *Yakult 10 Miler moved to April 1*



## Pocari duathlon slated

## Xterra Off-Road triathlon series fires off Feb. 26



# SPORTS

## 48-year-old Korean eyes first PGA Tour win

## Bartoli reaches Paris Open final

# Lin free throw dooms T'wolves



NEW York Knicks' Jeremy Lin: When I'm on the court, I try to play with all my emotion and heart. I just love the game.

# Westwood grabs Dubai Classic lead



WESTWOOD





# Korda matches father's feat



KORDA



# BUSINESS



# Bangko Sentral seen to cut rates in March

## INDICATORS

| PESO-DOLLAR RATE | STOCK MARKET |
|---|---|
| 42.480 | ▲ 13.9 |

### Stocks seen to weaken

## BPI paper, Singapore bank cite 'alarmingly weak' exports trend

THE BANGKO Sentral ng Pilipinas may be compelled to slash its key interest rates by as much as 50 basis points to a new record low during its next monetary-setting meeting in March given the country's "alarmingly weak" export trend, a Bank of the Philippine Islands research said.

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# Bangko Sentral seen to cut rates in March







# Stocks seen to weaken








# Globe eyes ₱15-B retail bond float

## Doubling capex to modernize nationwide network

By Paolo G. Montecillo

GLOBE Telecom is planning a P15-billion retail bond float—likely in several tranches—this year as the company seeks to double capital expenditures (capex) spending in line with the modernization of its nationwide network.

In a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange, Globe said the bonds would be offered to both institutional and retail investors.

"The bond program is expected to provide Globe with the options to tap the retail market in one or more tranches over the next 12 months," Globe said. "The applicable registration statement and other papers will be filed with regulators in due course."

Last Friday the company said capital expenditures for 2011 totaled $397 million, a decline of 11 percent from the previous year. Capex for the past year included amounts to expand and upgrade the firm's broadband and mobile networks and for the deployment of its new fourth-generation (4G) mobile network in key areas nationwide.

Globe said investments made last year paid off, putting the firm in a better position to compete with bigger rival Philippine Long Distance Telephone Co. (PLDT) moving forward.

Globe ended 2011 with 30.84 million subscribers, up 13 percent from the previous year.

This year, Globe announced a two-year, $790-million network modernization and information technology (IT) transformation program, half of which would be spent in 2012.

The company said total capex for the current year was expected to reach between $750 million and $800 million. Also, about $550 million of this was earmarked for the company's network. Other capex needs include provisions for fixed-line data systems, upgrades in the capacity of its fixed subscriber line (DSL) services in selected regions and submarine cable investments.

Globe also booked a net income of P9.8 billion for 2011, up a modest 1 percent from 2010, with higher marketing costs and the effects of foreign exchange movements weighing the company down. Core profit, which strips out mark-to-market losses, rose 11 percent to P10 billion.









# CLASSIFIEDS

Republic of the Philippines
DAVAO CITY WATER DISTRICT

## INVITATION TO BID

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Republic of the Philippines
Regional Trial Court
Branch 22

SUMMONS

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Pasig City General Hospital Acute and Emergency Department is currently accepting Residents for its 4-year PCEM accredited Emergency Medicine Training Program with readily available item.

For inquiries, please call 642-73-80 / (0917) 831-05-13 and look for Dra. Ma. Christina Arroyo or Dra. Joanna Lynn R. Balmores

## NOTICE OF LOSS

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PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

REAL ESTATE FOR SALE

HOUSE & LOT

CONDO/TOWNHSE

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

CONDO/TOWNHSE

REAL ESTATE FOR RENT

LOAN & MORTGAGE

TRANSPORTATION FOR RENT

CAR LOAN

GENERAL ITEMS FOR SALE

WANTED TO BUY

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GENERAL ITEMS FOR SALE

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## WE HAVE MOVED!!!

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LOCATION MAP



# OBITUARIES

## GODOFREDO K. DE DIOS

[illegible]

## SATURNINA PACIA RODRIGUEZ

Peacefully joined the Lord on February 11, 2012 at the age of 91.

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SR. GEMMA CAZOLO DEL SEÑOR NIÑO, OSA

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"I am the resurrection and life. He who believes in Me will live, even though he dies; and whoever believes in Me will never die."
John 11:25-26

2 Lt. Avelino Deplon Blanco (PAF Ret.)

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# Frenemies in the skies

## Biz Buzz
*By the staff*

### Unqualified!

### Dreaded mining EO

### Speaking of which...

### Not so prudent

### Still loaded



**NOTICE FOR NEGOTIATED PROCUREMENT**

**PHILIPPINE ASSOCIATION FOR GOVERNMENT BUDGET ADMINISTRATION (PAGBA), INC.**

**NOTICE**

The Philippine Association for Government Budget Administration (PAGBA), will hold its 1st Quarterly Membership Meeting and Seminar-Workshop on April 18 to 21, 2012 at Skylight Convention Center, Roxas St., Puerto Princesa City, Palawan. All PAGBA members and other interested government officials and employees are enjoined to attend.

PAGBA also announces the election of its Board of Directors on April 20, 2012. Nomination of candidates must be filed on or before February 29, 2012 to the Nominating Committee, PAGBA, Financial Service, BIR, Room 505, National Office Building, Agham Road, Diliman, Quezon City. For inquiries, please call telephone nos. 981-74-16/926-57-84/926-56-37.

(Sgd.) **MARIO L. RELAMPAGOS**
President



## Technology at home

# Arya Residences' future proof fiber optic backbone allows reliable, seamless triple play technology to keep you on top of your game

*"At the end of the day, all these technological features that we equip your home with translate to your Total Living Experience – whether for business or for pleasure. To us, luxury is very personal. This is why we give you the freedom to choose whatever suits you in terms of your business connectivity and entertainment needs. This is what future proof by design means," says ArthaLand president and CEO, Angie de Villa-Lacson.*

# BUSINESS




# Equities likely to fare better than bonds

## PSEi may hit 5,300 level in 2012

By Doris C. Dumlao

# Net FDI inflow down 83% in Nov.

By Michelle V. Remo







# Thrift bank's accreditation for agri-agra lending OKd

# BancNet reports 43.55% growth



# Dollar count

**BREAKTIME**

*Conrado R. Banal III*



# PSBank raises ₱3B via 10-year notes sale

# Business

## BSP orders banks to tighten compliance

### Mandates creation of internal watchdog units



## DOE OKs permits for 13 power companies






# BUSINESS



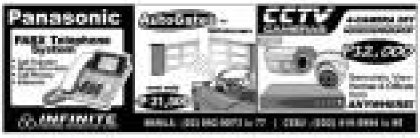




# Extended PSALM life seen to ease consumers' burden

## Agency seeks Congress OK for longer corporate life








# 17 Bold Moves towards Universal Health Care



## Vision

Adequate and Affordable Social Health Insurance Coverage for ALL Filipinos.

## Mission

To ensure adequate financial access of every Filipino to quality health care services through the effective and efficient administration of the National Health Insurance Program.

By Ernalita M. Batoto



## 17th Anniversary Activities
### Theme: "Sa PhilHealth, Pinalawak na Benepisyo... Garantisado!"

| ACTIVITIES | DATE |
|---|---|
| 1. Ecumenical Celebration (simultaneous in all regions) | February 14, 2012 |
| 2. Launching of the: a. New PhilHealth website b. e-claims c. Health insurance card d. Mobile Mapping Services e. e-registration | February 14, 2012 |
| 3. Facility Visitation, Infusion of Meds and Launching of Sabwat Unglied Stays for NCR Group | February 1 - 29, 2012 |
| 4. Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) - PhilHealth Cares for your Twilight Years (Senior Citizens) | February 14 - 29, 2012 |
| 5. Palaggo ng Manggagawa | February 13 - 24, 2012 |
| 6. PhilHealth Officers Leadership Engagement (POLE) | February 29 - March 1, 2012 |
| 7. Family Day | February 25, 2012 |
| 8. PhilHealth On Wheels (POW) | March 10, 2012 |
| 9. Scientific Forum | March 20-21, 2012 |
| 10. Summer Cup 2012 | April-May 2012 |
| 11. OFW Forum in Taiwan | March or April 2012 |
| 12. Accredited Collecting Agents (ACAs) Forum | April 2012 |

# Message



MALACAÑAN PALACE
Manila

BENIGNO S. AQUINO III
President
Republic of the Philippines







## PhilHealth Advisory

## Call for Registered Nurses

**Communication Skills**

**Personality**

**Software/Application Skills**

# BUSINESS

## Thrift, co-op banks cut exposure to bad debt

### BSP cites sectors' adherence to prudent lending standards

## Kukun Hotels soon to rise

## Bosch seeks to ride on PH economic boom

## Smart 'Netphone' sales surge to 'record levels'

## Ombudsman subpoena source of farmers' joy

COMMENTARY

#### BOC anniversary

#### Recommendation

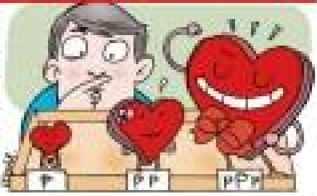
#### Smuggling significance




# BUSINESS Monday

Business Features Editor Margie Quimpo-Espino

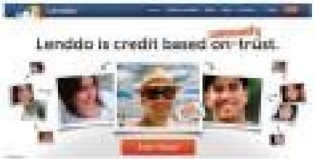
# How much does it cost to be in love on Valentine's Day?






## Keeping tabs on love




# Using social networking to give the middle class access to credit



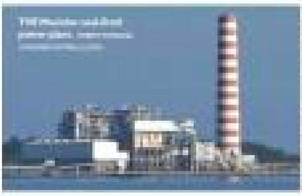
# Execution with integrity for progress

MAPping the Future

Eduardo V. Francisco



# Coal vs renewable energy from a cost perspective



## *Keeping tabs on love*

## Lenddo: using social networking...



# A Commercial Created with You In Mind















# Meralco Luminaries Take Center Stage

## Honoring Partners for Progress

Meralco recently put on a glittering red carpet event to celebrate the best of its partnerships with the public and private sectors. Dubbed the Meralco Luminaries Awards Night, it showcased the best of 2011 in terms of strategy, collaboration, and execution. At the same time, the event set out to inspire Meralco's other customers and help drive the nation's journey to a more energized future.

Held recently at the Grand Ballroom of the Marriott Hotel at Resorts World Manila, this first Meralco Luminaries celebration was an SRO event. It was attended by distinguished guests from Meralco's commercial, industrial, SME, and local government customers with a keynote speech by no less than Department of Energy Secretary Jose Rene Almendras, who praised the outstanding Meralco partners for being beacons of progress for the Philippines. Also given special recognition that night were PEZA Director General Lilia de Lima for achievements that benefited the power sector, as well as Gawad Kalinga and MyShelter Foundation for their close partnerships with the electric company. Meralco CEO Manuel V. Pangilinan capped the night with a toast to Meralco's best and brightest in business and government.











LIFESTYLE Arts & Books




# Angono, other Rizal towns host Arts Month visual arts fest

ANGONO, RIZAL, the art capital of the country, will host the Philippine Visual Arts Festival: The Rizal Experience (PVisual: TRE), Feb 17-21.

PVisual: TRE is the visual arts component of the Philippine Arts Festival (PAFT 2012). It aims to educate, entertain and inform the public about the continuing importance of aesthetics in life and the practical aspects of art.

During the five-day festival, artistic spaces and locations in Angono, Antipolo, Binangonan, Tanay, Taytay and other towns in Rizal will host visitors at their venues. SM City Taytay will host the grand opening event, which is a Rizal Experience Exhibition. The Art Camp and SM Taytay will host arts and crafts-making workshops, whereas, the Nemiranda Arthouse, Blanco Museum, Ang Nuno Gallery, 2nd Gallery, Atelier Gallery, [illegible] Art Gallery and Petroglyphs Museum will host a gallery and/or museum tour and other satellite exhibits.

A kite-flying festival will, likewise, be held at the Angono Lakeside. There will also be a photo exhibit of Philippine Churches, titled "Heritage," at St. Clement Parish in Angono.

Other Rizal towns will serve as venues for a national arts conference (Thunderbird Resort in Binangonan); a cultural night (Club Manila East); an on-the-spot landscape painting (Daranak Falls, Tanay); an on-the-spot still life painting at a well-known [illegible] with local delicacies of [illegible]; nature painting ("Talim Island"); and a Culinary Arts Festival (Las Brisas, Antipolo).

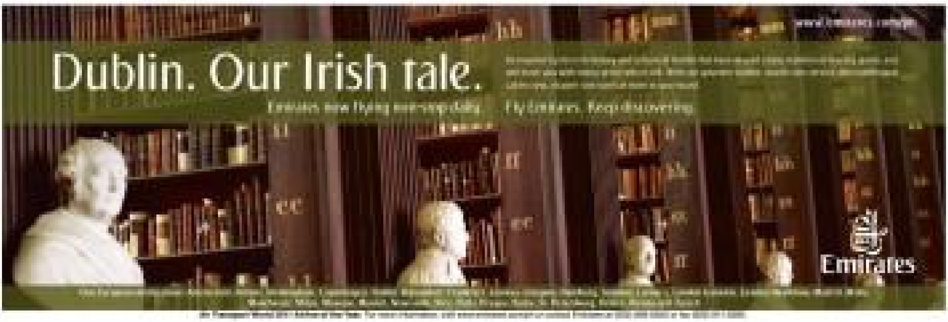
PVisual is a grand celebration of visual arts that shows the development of arts in time [illegible], how the artistry has been passed on to the current generation and the way they have transformed it. It also shows how the province of Rizal and the Rizaleños adapted to changes and how change influenced their art.

Spearheaded by the National Commission for Culture and the Arts Committee on Visual Arts in partnership with the Neo-Angono Arts Collective, an organization composed of young artists of Rizal, this year's celebration is anchored on the theme "Tradition and Innovation."

Angono is the home of petroglyphs, of visual arts masters such as Carlos "Botong" Francisco and Maestro Lucio San Pedro, and contemporary artists who imprinted their name in the Philippine art scene, like Nemiranda, [illegible], [illegible], Salvador Juban, [illegible], [illegible], [illegible], [illegible],

ANGONO C2



# Angono, other Rizal towns host…



## Boy Abunda to open today 'Salumpuwit,' exhibit on chairs across Philippine history, at UST Museum

# More art in the park, Feb. 18



LAST year's fair features an installation by Leeroy New (see tree wrapped in orange tubing).



ART in the Park is organized by the Museum Foundation of the Philippines.

## Frank Gehry and Robert Rauschenberg headline Salcedo Auctions







# Three Filipino artists at Philippine Center, New York

# You've gone a long way, Café Ysabel





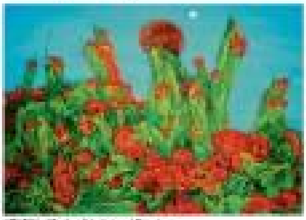


# Top artists join exhibit to raise money for blindness-prevention programs



## New Tequi exhibit touches on good and bad governments





# Art exhibit, love poetry, romantic food at Barcelo's, La Consolacion



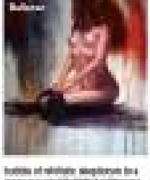
### Chabet at CCP



## VISUAL ARTS



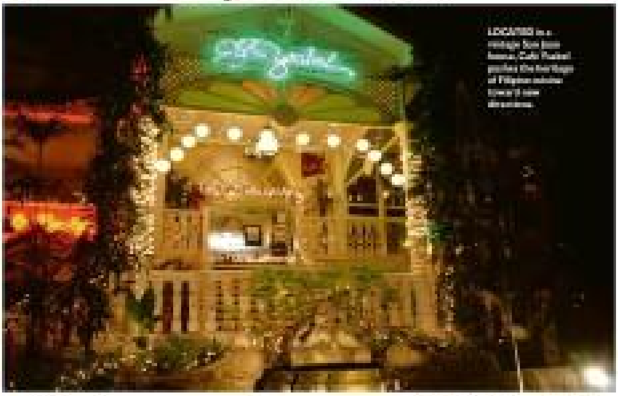
### Dave Lock at Artinformal





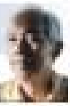




# You've gone a long way, Café Ysabel

**PRIDE OF PLACE**



*Augusto F. Villalon*

Gene Gonzalez's neighborhood bistro started the restaurant trend on Wilson Street, San Juan, and revolutionized Philippine cuisine

**30th anniversary menu**

## Up Close and Purr-sonal with Katy Perry



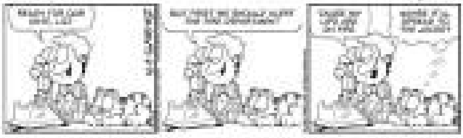
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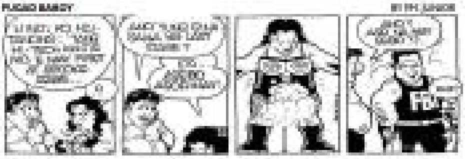
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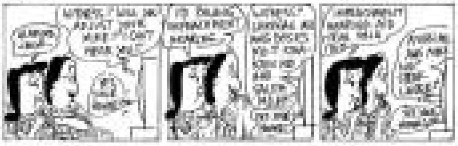

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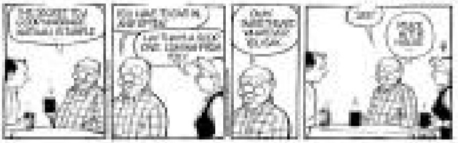
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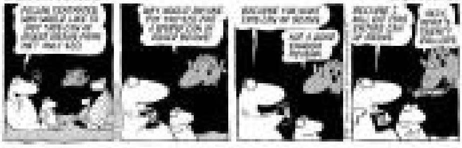
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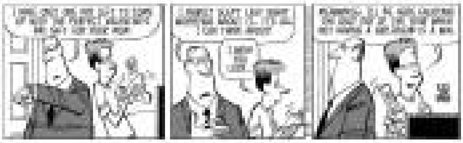
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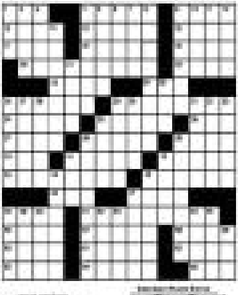
HOW TO PLAY SU DOKU

Conceptis Sudoku

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|   | 4 | 3 |   |   | 6 |   | 8 |   |
| 6 |   | 8 |   | 1 |   |   |   | 4 |

Difficulty Level ★

## CROSSWORD PUZZLE





LAS PIÑAS bamboo organ



# Music ecumenism marks 37th International Bamboo Organ Festival



THE COMPANY






# At last, a Theater Actors Guild



## Dream come true

## Passion and soul

## Healthy competition

## Not a management firm



# Licad sports new look in electrifying Texas, New Mexico concerts

By Pablo A. Tariman



## Rousing ovation

## With Lea and Lisa

## Subtleties





LIFESTYLE Arts & Books

# Filipino, American, Japanese productions for campus season-enders

By Walter Ang
Contributor

CAMPUS-BASED THEATER groups are concluding their respective 2011-2012 seasons.

Tanghalang Ateneo caps its season with Satoshi Toshiro's "Fireflies," a play where several characters are each lonely search for connection and companionship in contemporary Japanese society.

Using the English translation by David Goodman, the production is directed by BJ Crisostomo and TA artistic director Ricardo Abad; with set design by Olen David; costume design by [illegible]; lighting design by Jonjon Villareal, and sound design by Melvin Reyes.

Toshiro, head of Toho College of Music and Drama's Drama Department, will hold a lecture-discussion on contemporary Japanese theater. It will be open to the public.

Ateneo Blue Repertory meanwhile, closes its 2011-2012 season with a revival of "Bare," a rock musical about two gay teenagers struggling to find their place in the world as they are about to graduate from a Catholic high school.

The musical has music, lyrics and book by Jon Hartmere Jr. and Damon Intrabartolo. Blue Rep first presented this production in 2008.

Ana Abad Santos directs with musical direction by Onyl Torres; set design by Lenny New; lighting design by John Batalla; and costume design by [illegible] Ong.

Ateneo offers a Bachelor of Fine Arts major in Theater Arts, with concentration in disciplines such as Acting, Directing or Production Design. The program has student performances throughout the school year.

"Fireflies" is ongoing until Feb. 25 at Rizal Mini-Theater, Ateneo de Manila University, Quezon City. Contact [illegible]. Lecture by Toshiro is on Feb. 24 at Fine Arts Theater Studio. Contact [illegible] loc. 5321.

"Bare" runs Feb. 29-Mar. 10 at [illegible] Theater, Greenhills Shopping Center, San Juan. Contact [illegible] or [illegible]

[illegible]

### Guerrero birth centennial

Dulaang Unibersidad ng Pilipinas wraps up its 2011-2012 season with a staging of National Artist for Theater Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero's "Forsaken House" in celebration of his birth centennial.

Directed by Tony Mabesa, the play is set in the early 1940s and shows the struggles of the controlling Don Ramon and his [illegible]

[illegible]



JAMIR Barcelon and Miko Reyes topbill Ateneo Blue Rep's "Bare: A Pop Opera."



LEO RIALP in Dulaang UP's production of Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero's "Forsaken House," directed by Tony Mabesa, which opens Feb. 15



# Filipino, American, Japanese . . .



# Peta's Shakespeare offerings this February








FROM BOOK TO FILM

# Hemmings' debut novel, 'The Descendants,' now an Oscar front-runner











### Parental support

### Legacy

### Bittersweet story

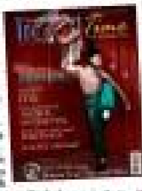




# 'Awakening' rouses 'Underworld' franchise



# Latest Travel Time mag highlights Binondo



# Book on metaphysics launched



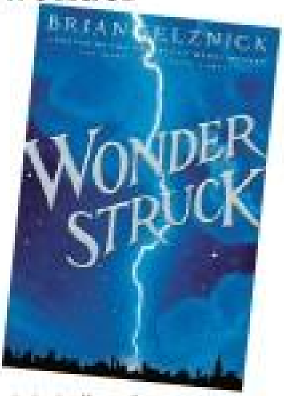


# Everyone's favorite Burger Steak now made even more affordable



# Start the year with 'Wonder'

The talented author of "The Invention of Hugo Cabret" returns with a profoundly immersive book about the lure of museums, the discoveries of being deaf and the search for family







### Cabinet of wonders

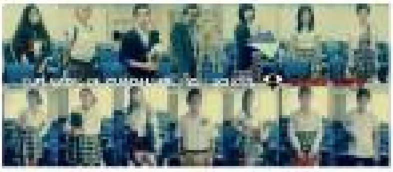
# Sipat Lawin's theater and live-game fusion 'Battalia Royale' opens Feb. 21





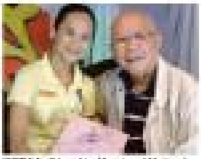




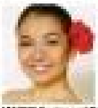



# Lumbera talk, new episodes in 'Art 2 Art'

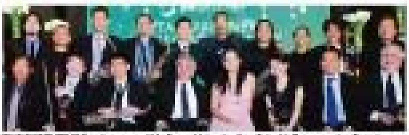




# Musical treats at the mall







# ENTERTAINMENT



## Romance dictionary needs updating

HEARD




## Dream Valentines, nightmare dates


GEORGE Clooney


CHARLIE Sheen

## Watch out, Grace Lee–Jon's out to get you

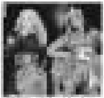








# M.I.A. to Madonna: Sorry















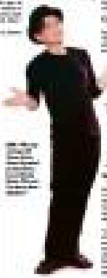





# Directing child...



# Watch out, Grace Lee ...

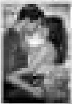


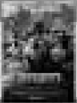
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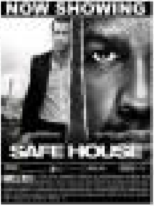






# Grammy nominee-performer to wear two gowns by LA's hot Fil-Am designer

## How Kelly Price feels about her Oliver Tolentino outfits: 'Mabuhay!'

[illegible]

### Like a princess

[illegible]

### Pre-event guest

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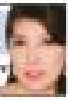
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# ENTERTAINMENT

## *Don't put Hayden in bad light—Vicki*

DOLLY WOOD

*Dolly Anne Carvajal*





VICKI Belo

"My Beloved"

Bo tonight

A husband first



NYOY Volante



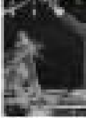
JURIS

## Nyoy-Juris Valentine star in Hard Rock gig

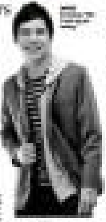
SHOW TIME

# Grammy invites dance music to the pa





## 'Idol' wonders if he's crazy to have done what he did

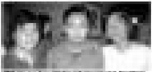


## Elwood Perez marks 67th b
## Mother Lily launches new '





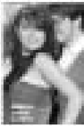








## Nyoy-Juris Valentine . . .



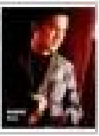


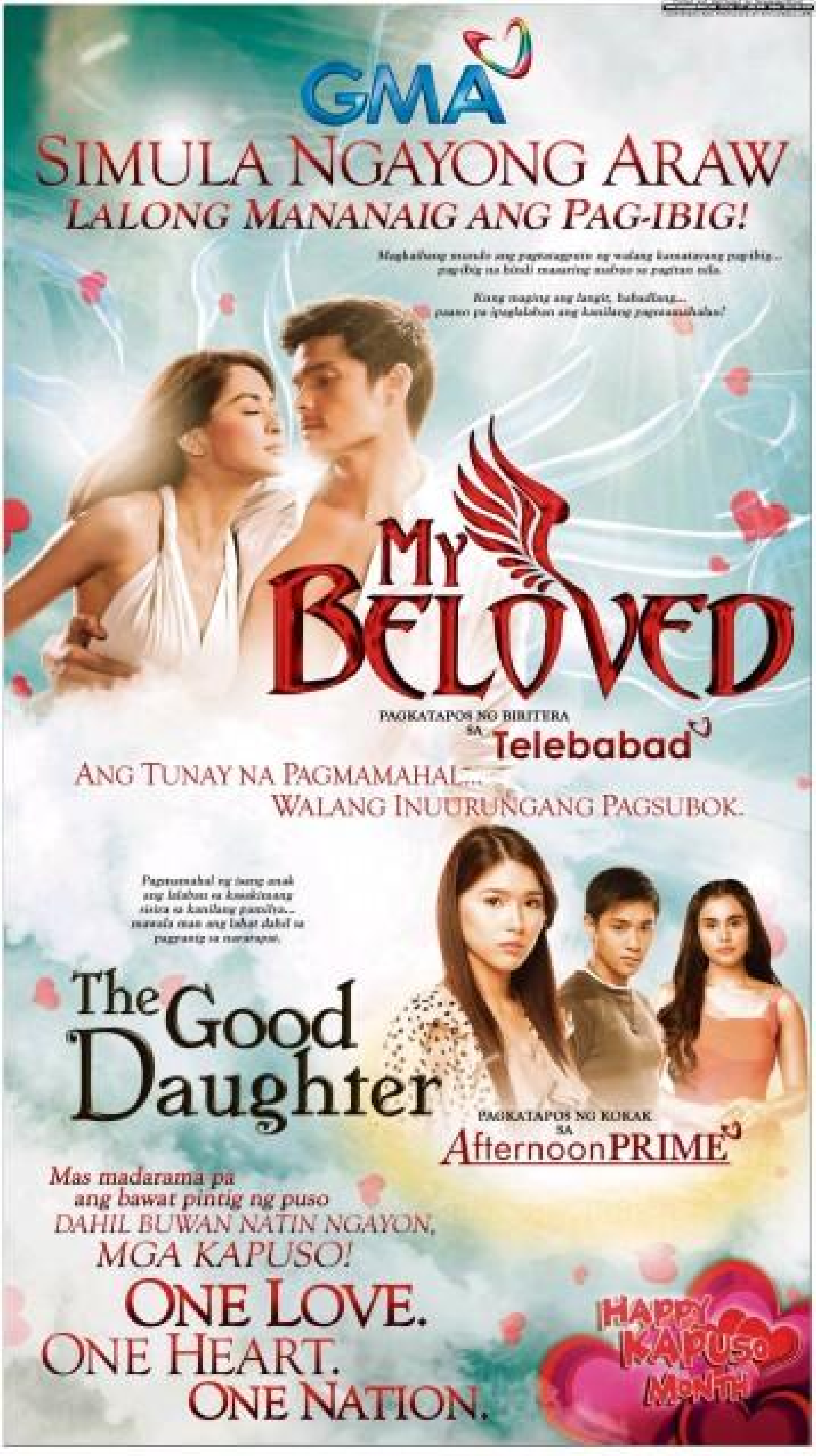
# birthday, baby











GMA
SIMULA NGAYONG ARAW
LALONG MANANAIG ANG PAG-IBIG!
MY BELOVED
PAGKATAPOS NG BIBITERA
SA Telebabad
ANG TUNAY NA PAGMAMAHAL...
WALANG INUURUNGANG PAGSUBOK.
The Good Daughter
PAGKATAPOS NG KORAK
SA AfternoonPRIME
Mas madarama pa
ang bawat pintig ng puso
DAHIL BUWAN NATIN NGAYON,
MGA KAPUSO!
ONE LOVE.
ONE HEART.
ONE NATION.
HAPPY KAPUSO MONTH

LEARNING

Editor: Chelo Banal-Formoso

In Eureka: Be there for your children / H2

DepEd's call: Protect the teachers / H6

# No one is TOO YOUNG to protect the environment



Text and photos by Stephen [illegible]

CHILDREN will be among the most vulnerable to climate change and its associated disasters. But that does not mean that because of their age they cannot do anything to protect themselves and help prevent natural calamities.

This was highlighted in the 2nd Asia Children's Museum Conference organized by Museo Pambata Foundation Inc. at the Manila Hotel. Theme of the conference was "Children and Climate Change."

[illegible]





[illegible] (above) and [illegible] Quirino (right)

Kids can be taught to be planet savers and they can start with the right eco-friendly habits



ARTWORKS by participants (top). [illegible] (above)





GRATE of Mother Earth Foundation (above) and Tan of WWF-Philippines (right)

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## Knowing our riches

[illegible]

NO ONE H2

# Watching LPU on its 60th

Text by [illegible]

Photos by [illegible]

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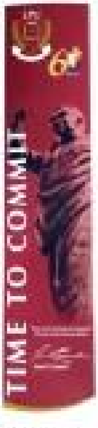
## Lucky 13th

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LINK: Roberto Laurel and Virgie Ramos share a hearty laugh over a photo of a very young Ramos with her parents and Laurel's grandfather.







COLOR OF THE SEASON: [illegible]



CHURCH bell towers in Intramuros [illegible]

WATCHING H3

# Best gift to our children





### Time and presence

### 'Raising Pinoy Boys'

# CKS hosts business expo





# Trinity HS class 1986 hosts homecoming



# Mobile library visits Caloocan

## Learning section press release guidelines

# No one is too young . . .

### 'Nature' school



# Concert caps SAMMI's foundation celebration

# Playgrounds for the MIND

## Member Schools

# LPU-Batangas recognized as first local IiP university

## UE EHSD gets FAPE ESC accreditation

## OLFU graduate school holds conference and research colloquium

## UE sets series of research seminars

## UP CSWCD leads national confab on Melchora 'Tandang Sora' Aquino

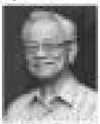
## CLSU remembers student heroes

## Miriam College invites senior citizens to a post Valentine dinner-dance

# DLSL 'pays it forward'



## Letran chaplain, dean is now WCCI president



## TIP takes pride in alumni board topnotchers

## FEATI rolls out 'Teknolohiyang Kagalingan, Pakinabangan!' expo

## Southville Karate team bags 16 medals



## La Salle hosts Conflicts of Law

## FEU student wins in Gawad CCP competition





## UE CAS Manila forum to tackle K+12

## NCAA chair honored



## Search for Escolarian environment guardian is on

## LPU launches 68th Foundation anniversary

## UB recognized as training center for K-12 teachers

## CCP Bobcats pep squad joins Showtime: Campus Clash

## Claret hosts seminar on achieving goals

# Ateneo trains local officials as education champions

[illegible]

## Same objectives

[illegible]

## Better services

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# Watching LPU on its 60th

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## Making old new again

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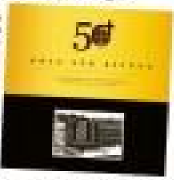


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# Book marks 50 years of Divine Word College



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## 2012 UP jubilarians meeting Feb. 15

[illegible]

# Investing in education and in the future

[illegible]



ABOITIZPOWER [illegible]

[illegible]

# Students take the cake again



[illegible]



[illegible]

# Seminar on new rules for corporate reporting

[illegible]

# Call to communities to help protect teachers, oral health problems, reading camps opened

## Dental problems addressed

## 10 more reading camps



# Fun charm school for young girls



# UP students to represent PH in research contest




# 4 medals for PH in Rimo

